

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025



“The Risen Christ with the Two Marys,” by William Holman Hunt (1827–1910)

FIND YOUR **GLENVIEW**
COMMUNITY
CHURCH

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Thank you for joining us for worship and fellowship today. We are blessed to have you with us and look forward to greeting you after worship.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Your children are welcome here at GCC! During the service, we offer childcare for infants and toddlers aged birth to 4 years in room 107. Room 107 is on the main floor hallway between the Commons area and the church office. For children aged 4 years–6th grade, Godly Play church school is in Room 108 next door. School-aged children start the day in the sanctuary with their families and are then led by an adult helper to Room 108. All children are picked up following the service in 107 or 108.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT

Glenview Community Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ, accepting all who believe in God without regard to race, color, age, marital status, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or physical ability. It is also a W.I.S.E. church of the United Church of Christ – welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and engaged with respect to persons facing mental health challenges, their families, and their caregivers.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS

There are large print bulletins available. If you need one, ask an usher.

HEARING DEVICES

Hearing devices are available for your use. They are located in the Narthex. If you need assistance in locating them, please see an usher who will be able to assist you.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Ministers	Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo, Rev. Abigail Lutz
Organist	Gary Wendt
Chancel Choir	Guillermo Muñoz Küster
Musicians	Joyful Ringers, Timpani – Joel Cohen; Trumpet – Kelly Dennis; Trumpet – Mark Dulin; Bass Trombone – Leland Matsumura; Trombone – Ryan Saladin; Horn – Emma Sepmeier
Lector	Linda Pedian (9 a.m.), Allan Ruter (11 a.m.)
Ambassadors	Natalie Banovitz, Diane Guth (9 a.m.); M-J Carlson, Dina Tosh (11 a.m.)
Head Usher	Brian Tidwell (9 a.m.), Scott Frerichs (11 a.m.)
Ushers	Linda Pedian, Barbara Pollak, Susan Tidwell, Kathy Tomita (9 a.m.), Jack Christiansen, Shawn Eshoo, Debby Fosdick, Sally Hicks, Kristen Hugueley, Mary Ellen Johnson, Michele Monteith (11 a.m.)
Technical Engineer	Barry Nelson
Offering Steward	C.J. Sultz (9 a.m.), Dave Tosh (11 a.m.)

MODERATOR

Susan Johns

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

GATHER

PRELUDE

*Thine Is the Glory
Exultate*

Joel Raney
Josh Lauder

***HYMN #232** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

***EASTER ACCLAMATION** *Romans 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:

All: Death has no more dominion over him.

Minister: Since by a man came death:

All: By a man came also come the resurrection of the dead.

Minister: For as in Adam all die:

All: Even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

***GLORIA PATRI - HYMN #581**

GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen, Amen!

***GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

Please rise as able and greet one another in whatever way you are comfortable and share God's peace.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LISTEN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are welcome to come forward to the altar steps for a children's message before heading to Godly Play.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN #236 *The Strife is O'er*

VICTORY

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SCRIPTURE *John 20:1-18*

ANTHEM *The Day of Resurrection*

Thomas Matthews

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.
Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And, listening to His accents, may hear so calm and plain

**The asterisk indicates when to stand if able.*

His own "All Hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.
Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin,
The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes together blend,
For Christ, the Lord, is risen, our joy that hath no end.
Alleluia.

SERMON *"The Victorious Christ"*

Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

HYMN #233 *The Day of Resurrection*

LANCASHIRE

RESPOND

***CALL TO PRAYER**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

One: Let us pray.

EASTER PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *On That Great, Great Mornin'*

Mary McDonald

On that great, great mornin' when the stone was rolled away,
On that resurrection mornin' Jesus rose to life that day.
There the tomb was empty; they said "Jesus is not here!
"He's alive!" Great mornin', hallelu!

On that great, great mornin', at the rising of the sun,
Those who saw the tomb was empty knew the victory had been won.
"He's alive! go, tell it," Jesus lives forevermore;
"He's alive!" Great mornin', hallelu!

On that great, great mornin' Jesus came to set us free;
On that resurrection mornin' Jesus won the victory.
Heaven's gates are opened, hallelujah, let us sing:
"He's alive!" Great mornin', hallelu!

EASTER DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

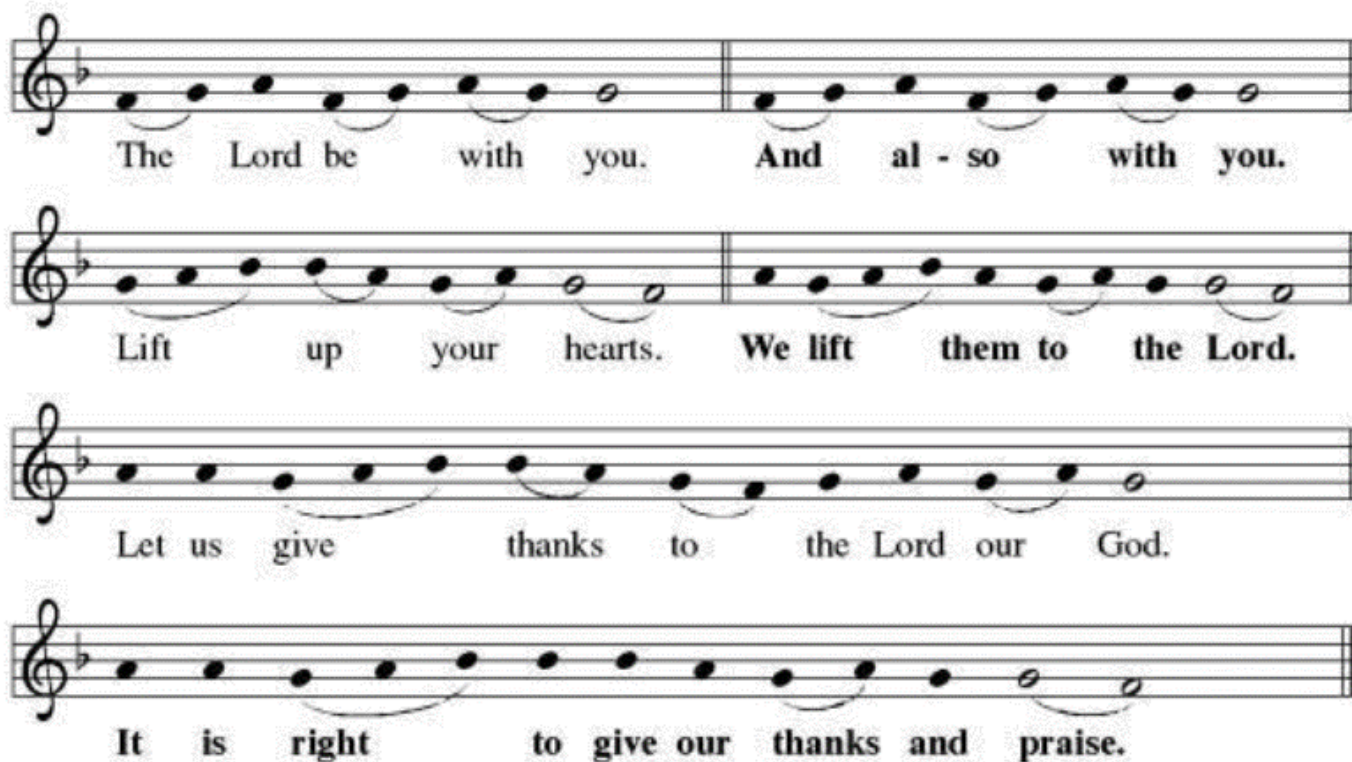
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolize lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Minister chants the Eucharistic dialogue, and the people sing the bold responses.



Minister continues: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

***SANCTUS HYMN #562** Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (SCHUBERT)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

All who love our Savior Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion regardless of church membership. Please come forward to receive the bread and cup by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) while standing. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the minister.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: O Risen Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love and strengthened by your life, we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy. You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. By your grace, we shall do these things. Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata, from Symphony No. 5

Charles Marie Widor/R. Proulx



POEM OF THE WEEK

“Seven Stanzas at Easter” (1960)

Make no mistake: if
 He rose at all
 It was as His body;
 If the cells’ dissolution did not reverse, the
 molecules reknit,
 The amino acids rekindle,
 The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
 Each soft Spring recurrent;
 It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
 eyes of the
 Eleven apostles;
 it was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
 The same valved heart
 That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then
 regathered
 Out of enduring Might
 New strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
 Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
 Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in
 the faded
 Credulity of earlier ages:
 Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,
 Not a stone in a story,
 But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
 grinding of
 Time will eclipse for each of us
 The wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
 Make it a real angel,
 Weighty with Max Planck’s quanta, vivid with hair,
 opaque in
 The dawn light, robed in real linen
 Spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
 For our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
 Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
 embarrassed
 By the miracle,
 And crushed by remonstrance.

–John Updike (1932–2009)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us for Our Upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Services!

Sunday, April 27

Second Easter: "The Times They Are A-Changin'"

Celebrate our annual Secular Music Sunday with the music of Bob Dylan.

Sunday, May 4

Confirmation and Youth Sunday

Come support and celebrate our confirmands and youth of all ages at GCC.

Sunday, May 11

Second Sunday: "Faith"

Join us for a special worship service featuring the GCC Puppeteers.



Sunday, April 27

Open and Affirming (ONA) Gathering- All Are Welcome!

Interested in helping our church live more fully into our Open and Affirming commitment? Come to an open conversation where we will explore ways to grow our ministry of welcome and inclusion, at 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel following service.

Saturday, May 3

A "Hands On" Service Project with Rebuilding Together

Rebuilding Together is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the homes and lives of low-income homeowners by providing free repairs and home improvements for those with the greatest need. Join our GCC work crew on May 3 as we partner with **Rebuilding Together**. For more details and to RSVP by April 19 - contact Rev. Abigail.

Monday, May 5

How to Best Communicate with Loved Ones Showing Signs of Dementia: Join Rev. Dr. Janet Aldrich for practical tips on communicating with friends and family experiencing early signs of dementia. All are welcome at 7 p.m. in the Commons.

Electronic Giving

Didn't bring your cash? No more checks? No problem! Scan the QR code to be directed to the GCC giving web page where you can make a donation directly from your phone. Thank you to everyone for their continued support!



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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Glenview Community Church is a Christian community of acceptance and welcome for all God's people. We strive to make our buildings and grounds a place of sanctuary and safety for each person who comes here. Our church community is:

Inspired by Christ,
Enriched by Faith,
Committed to Inclusivity.
We serve God as advocates for Justice, Compassion, and Peace.